

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Thursday, February 28, 2013

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Please note the minutes are a brief summary and not a word for word transcription of events at this meeting.

Jerry Lubin, Vice Chair, Presiding

I. Call to Order – Delores Huffman

- The meeting was called to order by Delores Huffman
- Roll Call by Canetana Hurd, Commission Staff
Attendance recorded as follows:
Absent excused: Victoria Sofro, Herman DeBose, Larry Gasco, Arnold Gilberg, Judy Cooperberg, and Phillip Chen
- Approval of Minutes – Tabled due to lack of quorum

II. Chairman's Report – Delores Huffman

- **Executive Committee Report** – The meeting was held February 12, 2013. Commissioner Huffman provided an overview of the following items from the meeting:
 - 1) Budget – MHC would like to review the DMH budget annually
 - 2) Tentative changes were made to public hearing review process
 - 3) Commission membership – currently 4 vacancies
 - 4) New Employee Orientation
- **MHC/SAAC Chairs Report** – The meeting was held February 10, 2013. Terry Lewis gave an overview of the group's mission and invited more Commissioners to attend. She further reported the Commission partnered with DMH Program Support Bureau staff to create orientation manuals for all SAACs. Manuals are currently circulating.

DMH Report – Rod Shaner, MD, Medical Director DMH reported the following:

Budget – The department is working on the following key issues while preparing for health care implementation:

- Change in funding for the way DMH provide services
- Functional models were identified from the innovations pilot project outcome
- Working with consultant groups that are experts on health care and integration that address treatment philosophy, operational issues, and formalization to partner with communities
- Building behavioral health homes
- Integrate mental health services in physical care services through co-located programs connected with primary care
- Reformat administrative functions to enhance advocacy
- Implementation of new IBHIS and Avatar systems

Budget Hearing – Dr. Southard and Dr. Kay attended the budget hearing with the County Chief Executive Officer. Both reported it went well. Some uncertainties need to be addressed in issues concerning AB 109 realignment.

Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal, Legislative Analyst

Ms. Rajlal provided a handout in her absence detailing federal and state legislative updates.

ACTION: Dr. Shaner will provide the language from LPS “Spot Bill” that was changed by Darrell Steinberg regarding mental health.

III. Commissioners’ Reports

- **Jerry Lubin** reported that HUD joined with locals opposing the shared housing zoning action. Commissioner Lubin will continue to testify at the City Council meetings in support of shared housing.
- **Frank Baron** – Commissioners sang Happy Birthday to Frank.

IV. Power Point Presentation on the MHSA Annual Update – Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, District Chief, MHSA Implementation and Outcomes Division

Dr. Innes-Gomberg reported that the annual update is the yearly update of the county’s approved MHSA plan that is required by WIC Section 5847, Subdivision (b). The report information is from the previous Fiscal Year 2011-12 and projects budget and services for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

The presentation highlighted:

Community Services and Supports (CSS) outcomes show

- Clients are coming in and unique clients served increased.
- The number of clients served in the Wellness/Client Run Centers increased. Feedback from 804 clients surveyed at provider sites showed an average 79% positive outcome from services received.
- A breakdown for CCS programs client count in each Service Area closely identifies service delivery. Also, a breakdown of PEI evidence based practices in each Service Area and age groups narrowly measures the impact of PEI services.
- FSP outcomes noted that clients spent fewer days homeless and increased independent living arrangements. Data also showed older adults spent less days in jail and increased their living independently.
- An increase in gainful employment, supportive education, and training was also positive.

V. **SAAC/Community Reports/LACCC**

SAAC Reports –

SAAC 1 – Jean Harris, President of NAMI Antelope Valley reported that the SAAC meeting held February 21 discussed the following:

- Elected Co-chair of SAAC 1
- Transportation issues for children and families to emergency facilities
- Expand community and client involvement
- Met with Steve Goodwin to discuss orientation manual distribution
- Increase SAAC participation

SAAC 8 – John Czernek reported on the last SAAC 8 meeting. The group is working on membership qualifications and possibly extends membership terms, and gets a historian.

Los Angeles County Client Coalition (LACCC) – Pam Inaba announced that the 2nd Annual Innovations in Recovery Conference (A Client/Consumer Perspective) June 3, 2013 has extended the call for papers deadline. She also invited Commissioners to attend.

VI. **Public Comments –**

William Legere – Urge Commissioners to speak up on consumer employment, recovery and more Peer Advocate training.

Luis L. Druyet – Stated that instructive information from the Commission should be given to everyone.

Consumer Complaint – The SLT presentation at St. Annes' did not have Spanish translation services. There was sign language but not Spanish translation.

VII. **Meeting adjourned/NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 28, 2013

11 am – 1:30

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Room 739

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